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DEPT PLS PASS TO SECRETARY OF TREASURY SIMON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON FROM KUWAITI

MINISTER OF FINANCE ATEEQI

REF: STATE 33049

1. MIN OF FINANCE ATEEQI TELEPHONED ME MAR 4 TO ASK THAT I CONVEY TO YOU ON HIS BEHALF HIS WARMEST THANKS FOR YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. ATEEQI WANTED ME TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THAT HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO WRITE YOU HIMSELF, BUT BETWEEN HIS CURRENTLY EXTREMELY HEAVY WORKLOAD AND UPCOMING TRAVELING SCHEDULES AND FACT HE NOT FEELING IN TIP-TOP SHAPE (HE WAS CALLING ME FROM HOME), HE DECIDED QUICKEST AND BEST COURSE WAS TO REPLY THROUGH ME.

2. ATEEQI SAID UNFORTUNATELY HIS SCHEDULE IN BOTH MARCH AND APRIL SUCH THAT HE WILL FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GET AWAY TO WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, HE ASKS IF A VISIT BY HIM IN MAY WOULD BE CONVENIENT. IF SO, COULD YOU PLEASE REPLY SOONEST SO THAT HE CAN RAISE SUBJECT WITH CROWN PRINCE/PM JABIR AL-AHMAD AND HOPEFULLY RECEIVE HIS APPROVAL.

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3. FOR YOUR INFO ATEEQI AND CROWN PRINCE/PM WILL BE OUT OF

TOWN MARCH 8 FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND ATEEQI WILL BE ON THE ROAD
AGAIN SHORTLY THEREAFTER. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE VERY HELPFUL IF
I COULD HAVE YOUR REACTION TO ATEEQI'S SUGGESTION HE VISIT YOU IN
MAY BEFORE REPT BEFORE MARCH 8. IF YOU REPLY EITHER MARCH 6 OR
7, PLEASE SEND CABLE WITH NIACT IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE. REGARDS.
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